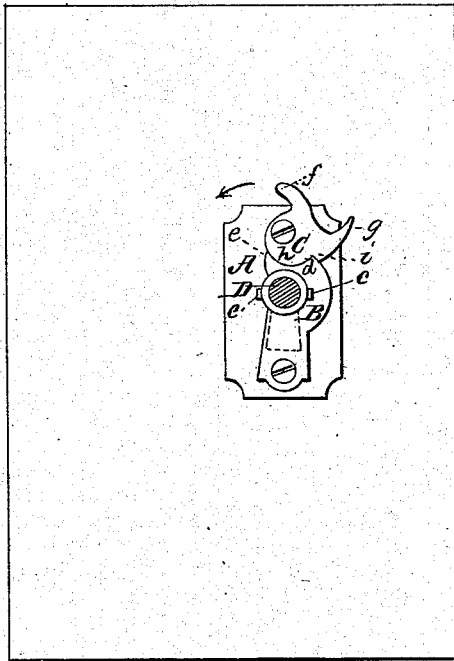


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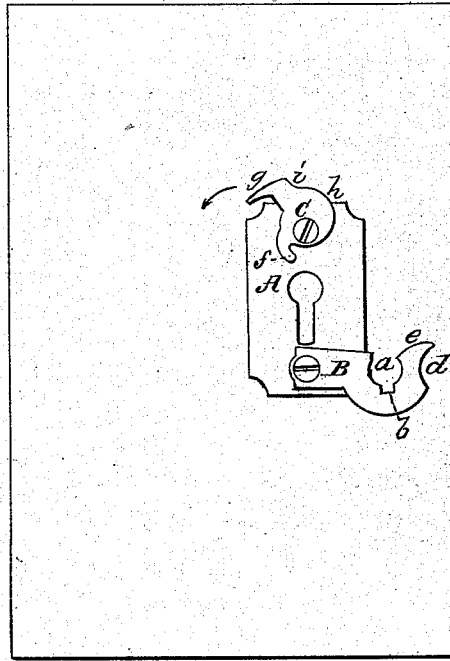
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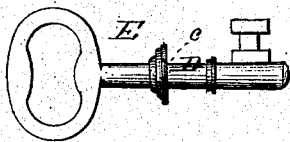
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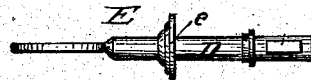
*Fig. 2.*



*Fig. 3.*



*Fig. 4.*



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## IMPROVEMENT IN KEY-FASTENERS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, LEONARD W. KENNEDY, of Oakland, county of Alameda, and State of California, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Escutcheons and Key-Fasteners; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a plan view, showing the key-fastener in place; Fig. 2, a plan view of the same with the key-fastener thrown open; Fig. 3, a detached view of the key; and Fig. 4 is an edge view of the same.

This invention has relation to means for securely locking the key to prevent its being turned while in the lock, and also, in connection therewith, of a covering-plate to cover the key-hole; and the invention therefore consists in the peculiar construction and arrangement of the same, as will be hereinafter described, and subsequently pointed out in the claim.

In the accompanying drawings, A represents the escutcheon, secured to the lock-plate in the usual manner. The key-hole cover and clutch B is pivoted or screwed to the escutcheon A at a point under the key-hole. This cover and clutch B is formed with an opening, *a*, for encircling the shank D of the key E, and a square notch, *b*, for the reception of a shoulder, *c*, upon either side of said shank.

It is evident, however, that the notch *b* may be made on a disk formed upon the shank of the key, instead of forming it upon the cover B, and said cover may be provided with a shoulder to engage with the notch.

The cover and clutch is also formed at its end with a curved edge, *d*, and a cam, *e*.

The locking-plate C is formed with a lever, *f*, for throwing the cover and clutch aside, said lever operating in connection with the cam *e* upon the cover B. The plate C is formed with a suitable catch, *g*, by which it may be operated, and also has a shoulder, *h*, and stop *i*.

The operation of my invention will be readily understood from the following description.

When the key E is turned so as to lock the door the cover B is swung around, so that the opening *a* will encircle the shank of the key, and the shoulder *c* thereon fit within the notch *b*, when the plate C is brought around in position, so that the shoulder *h* fits down upon the curved seat *d*, and the stop *i* brought in contact with the outer edge of the cover, as illustrated in Fig. 1. In this position the key is securely locked and the key-hole covered to prevent persons from looking through the same.

When it is desired to unlock the door, the cover B is thrown down by turning the plate C in the direction of the arrow until the lever *f* comes in contact with the cam *e*, which will force it aside, and the cover will then drop from its own weight.

Having now fully described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The cover B, formed with opening *a*, notch *b*, curved seat *d*, and cam *e*, in combination with the plate C, formed with shoulder *h*, stop *i*, lever *f*, and the key E, with shoulders *c*, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

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